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## • Health

## Race draws 800 for cancer research



A large crowd gathered at the Waterfront in Bangor yesterday to take part in a road race to benefit breast cancer research. (Jason Canniff photo.)

By Andrea Page  
Maine Campus staff

College women who make self-examinations a habit can now help themselves fight the odds of getting breast cancer, a disease that affects one in nine women, according to the American Cancer Society.

"The main reason is if college-age women start doing it now on a monthly basis," said Jane Jagels, an R.N. in Women's Health at the Cutler Health Center, "they become very familiar with their own breast tissue and what is normal for them."

The American Cancer Society states three percent of breast cancer cases occur in women ages 20 to 29. Still, health professionals say women in this age group should be aware of the risk factors with breast cancer and know what is

normal for their bodies.

Jagels said all women should do their own self-breast exams on a monthly basis.

"If any changes develop over the years, they are more able to make that assessment on their own and pursue further investigation," Jagels said.

College-age students should not worry about having a mammogram taken unless they are at high risk, Jagels said. High risk factors could include whether women have a close family member who developed breast cancer at a young age.

Jagels also said if a woman discovers a lump, she should have it checked with a clinician.

More than 80 percent of breast lumps that women find are benign and many women have cystic conditions that can be confused with lumps.

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## • Campus Activities

## Student turnout low at Rec Sports Night

By Jennifer McCausland  
Special to the Campus

Although attendance was low at Recreational Sport's first "Rec Sports Night" Friday, the department expects better turnout for its upcoming events.

"Only a handful of UMaine students usually take advantage of the Rec Sport events," said

Karen Neptune, an employee of Recreational Sports.

Turnout was a success in comparison to past events though, Neptune said.

"There's always room for improvement," she said.

Ryan Eslinger, another employee of Rec Sports, blames the low participation of students on a lack of advertising.

"Turnout on a Friday night is always low for students," he said. "It's a matter of advertising."

Neptune agrees there is a need for more advertisements.

"I would have never heard about the Rec Sports night if I hadn't been assigned to help out with the activities," she said.

Although student participation is low, recreational sports

programs are essential, said Thad Dwyer, head director of Rec Sports night.

"There is a need to have activities planned for students to get out of the dorm rooms," he said.

Dwyer was pleased with the turnout, even though the majority of participants were young children, and felt the night went smoothly.

"Recreational Sports should be for local families and UMaine students together, so everyone can have an alternative option on a Friday night," he said.

Like many, Dwyer brought his children to the event.

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## • Academics

## Women scarce in engineering program

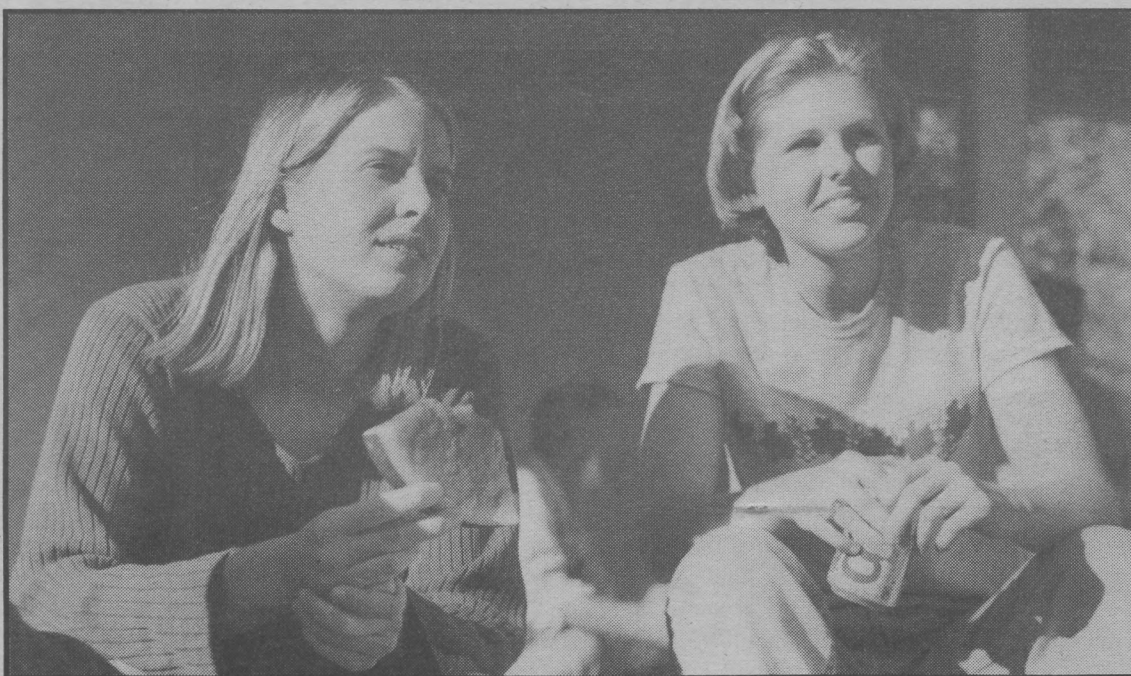
By Elizabeth Beaulieu  
Maine Campus staff

Many women are hesitant to study engineering even though opportunities in the field are abundant.

"Engineering is undersold to women," said Karen J. Horton, an assistant professor in mechanical engineering technology. "Women aren't told this is a career field where they can be successful, have strong placement and work directly with others."

With only a handful of women professors and a 17 percent female student body, females in the college of engineering are a rarity.

In the past couple of years, the university has hired several



First-year civil engineering students Jaime Madore (L) and Kim Crouse (R) at Friday's engineering cookout. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

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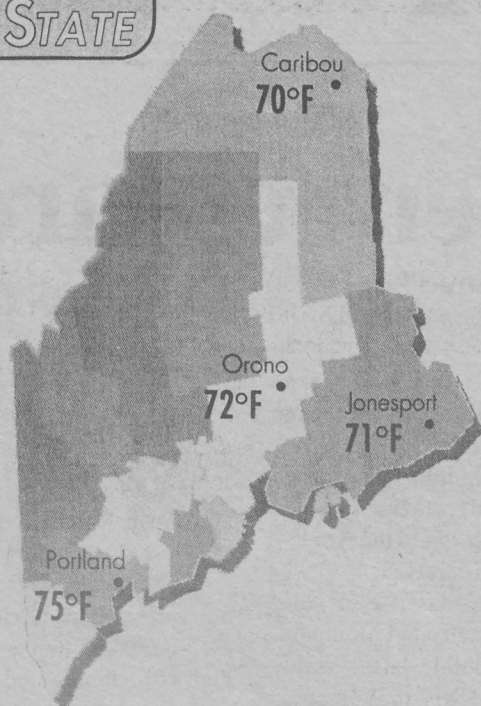
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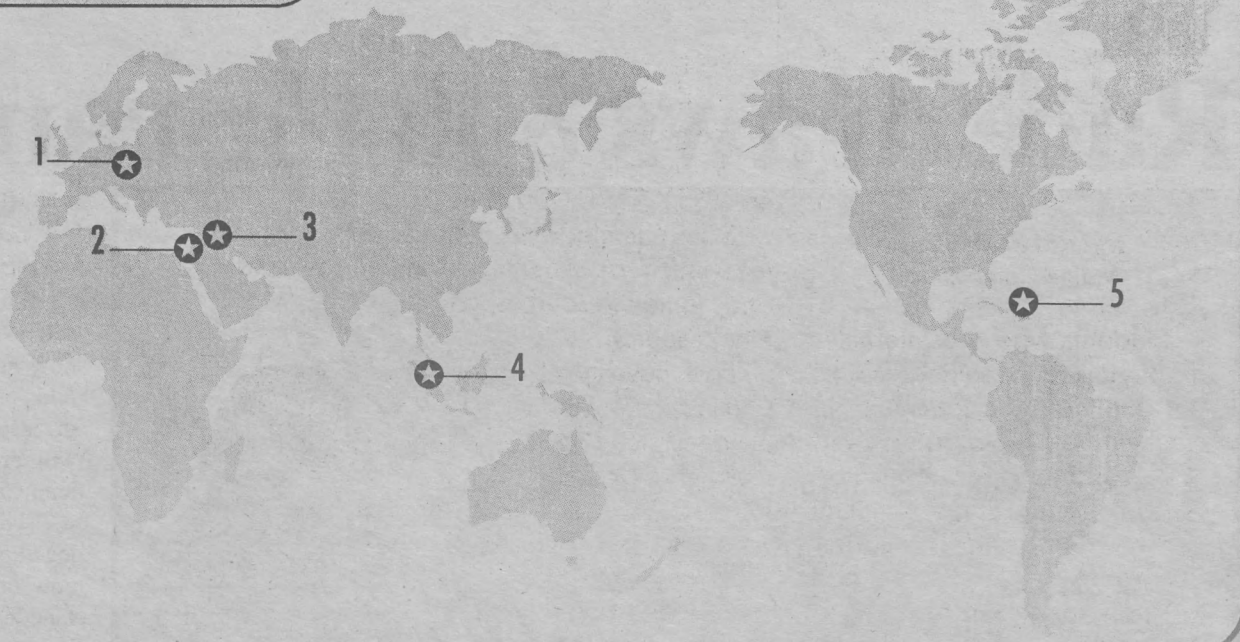


# WORLD BRIEFS

## THE STATE



## THE WORLD



## FIVE-DAY SUMMARY

### Monday's weather

Mostly cloudy with mixed sun.  
High temperatures near 72.



### Tuesday's weather

Expect many clouds with  
light breezes. Tempera-  
tures approaching 72.



### Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Cool and  
wet. Thursday...Chance of  
flurries. Friday...Fair.



### • Dispute

## Conservative Catholics continue to memorialize

**1** OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) — Conservative Catholics erected four more wooden crosses Sunday next to the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz despite calls by church and government officials for them to stop.

The new, 13-foot tall crosses were set up by Poles from Chicago and New York and a group from Warsaw, bringing the total to about 200 crosses of various sizes, the Polish PAP news agency reported.

Conservative Catholics began erecting the crosses in recent months to protest a call from Jewish groups to remove a 26-foot cross outside the former Nazi death camp.

The cross, used in a 1979 Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II near Auschwitz, marks the site where 152 members of the Polish resistance were shot to death by the Nazis in 1941.

But Jewish groups say the large cross, which can be seen from inside Auschwitz, disturbs the memory of the more than 1 million Jews killed there.

Polish bishops and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek's government called in late August for conservative Catholics to stop putting up more crosses while the question of who controls the property is sorted out.

### • Court ruling

## Suspect under house arrest; settlers demand release

**2** JERUSALEM (AP) — A Jerusalem court on Sunday ordered a Jewish settler suspected in the fatal shooting of a Palestinian teen-ager put under effective house arrest pending a decision on any formal charges.

Palestinians bitterly protested the decision and called Thursday's shooting an unprovoked attack. Settlers defended the suspect's action and demanded his release.

The settler — Avshalom Ladani, 35, of the Dolev settlement in the West Bank near the town of Ramallah — was to stay in a Jerusalem hostel, where his family would be allowed to join him, for at least a week.

The two-day Jewish New Year's holiday begins at sundown on Sunday.

Ladani posted \$1,350 bond and was ordered not to discuss the case with anyone else involved in it, on either side.

The killed Palestinian youth, 17-year-old Iyad Kabasma, was walking home from school with other teen-agers when the shooting occurred. Another youth was wounded as well.

The teen-agers denied they had been throwing rocks.

### • Human rights

## Released hostages report harsh treatment, torture

**3** TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Five Iranians released by Afghanistan's Taliban militia returned to Tehran on Sunday, and several said they were tortured in captivity, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Iran says the Taliban militia is holding at least 50 more Iranians. Tehran claims most were drivers delivering food, medicine and other humanitarian goods to needy Afghans.

The Taliban, which controls 90 percent of Afghanistan, says the Iranians were carrying weapons to its opponents in the north of the country.

One of the released prisoners, Behnam Alipour, told IRNA he had suffered physical and psychological torture during three years of captivity.

Alipour, a truck driver, said he was beaten with a cable, and he and other captives were forced to confess that they were carrying arms to the Taliban's foes, although they were only transporting humanitarian aid.

Another driver, Ali Hussein Hussein, said he was held captive for 55 days and lost 44 pounds due to torture and poor living conditions, IRNA said. A third, unidentified prisoner said he was beaten repeatedly during a year of captivity.

### • Mayhem

## Prime Minister's nemesis jailed after protest rally

**4** KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's sacked deputy prime minister was arrested late Sunday after thousands of his supporters marched to the prime minister's house and demanded the ouster of Asia's longest-serving leader.

Hundreds of Anwar Ibrahim's allies shouted angrily, "God is great!" and "Long live Anwar!" shaking their fists as police led him away from the house where he had conducted almost two weeks of protest rallies against the 17-year rule of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

The violence sullied a state visit by Queen Elizabeth II, who worshipped at a church not far from a mass opposition rally Sunday and was to meet with Mahathir on Monday.

Anwar, once Mahathir's handpicked successor, is now his principal foe. His arrest appeared to be an attempt to thwart the kind of large-scale protests earlier this year that led to the ouster of Indonesia's President Suharto, 77.

Mahathir, 72, became Asia's longest-serving leader after Suharto was forced out in May after 32 years by violent protests against alleged government corruption and a severe economic crisis.

### • Force of nature

## Approaching hurricane worries Caribbean officials

**5** FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique (AP) — Hurricane Georges strengthened to an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm Saturday, capable of causing severe damage as its 150-mph winds bore down on the small islands of the eastern Caribbean.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Georges was centered about 360 miles east of Guadeloupe in the Leeward Islands, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Georges was moving west at 18 mph and was expected to begin affecting the easternmost islands Sunday morning with the center of the storm passing over the islands later in the day.

Georges' sustained winds increased to near 150 mph Saturday, moving it up to category 4, the same strength as Hurricane Andrew, which devastated parts of southern Florida in 1992.

The Hurricane Center predicted storm-surge flooding of 5 to 10 feet above normal tide levels along with 5 to 8 inches of rain, with heavier rainfall possible in some areas.

Residents of the small, eastern Caribbean islands were taking Georges seriously: Under sunny skies in Dominica, the usually busy Saturday markets were more active than usual as residents stocked up on necessities and fishermen hauled their boats from the water.



# MAINE VIEW

photo by Andrew Bailey

## SPIFFY

By Judy Williams  
Maine Campus staff

Students who are interested in buying and selling stocks, but don't know a lot about the stock market could gain experience by joining the Student Portfolio Investment Fund of the University of Maine Foundation, according to the group's trading desk manager.

"SPIFFY invests in stocks such as Microsoft, K-mart, World Com, Intel, and GE," Amy Hall said. "This summer we reached our all-time high and our stock was worth \$670,700. Also, we had the highest rate of return than any other investment of the UMF."

SPIFFY, which has about 75 members, started as a proposal made to the University of Maine Foundation by finance professor Bob Strong and a couple of other

students in 1993, Hall said.

The foundation initially granted the group \$200,000, Hall added.

Since then, the foundation has given SPIFFY \$150,000 more to invest.

SPIFFY is made up of six committees, such as Auditing, Marketing and Human Resources, and Equity Research.

Each have their own part in contributing to the discussion and research on certain stock options, Hall said.

At the end of the meeting an order is placed with the group's stockbroker, Smith Barney in Portland, Hall said.

"Current events make people more aware of what is going on in the stock market and people tend to have more interest when there is a lot going on in the market," said Ben

Lupin, an economics major.

SPIFFY isn't just for finance majors and has several students from other majors.

"We encourage students from other areas to attend our meetings," Hall said. "It's extremely important and es-

Joseph Dietz, a biology major, decided to join because of a notice he saw posted in the Union.

"I always wondered about the stock market and what it's all about," he said. "I joined because I wanted to learn more about it."

Gene Rees, a finance student, said he has learned many aspects of the stock market since he joined SPIFFY two years ago.

"I've learned terminology, how to buy and sell stock options and how to present stock options to a group," he said.

Although first-year students may feel intimidated to attend a meeting, Hall urges them to join.

"There is so much to learn about the stock market, it's such a huge field," she said. "Every meeting is a cumulative experience."

SPIFFY meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays in 107 DPC.



SPIFFY's Ben Lupin and Amy Hall discuss potential investments for their group.


sential to have some knowledge in the stock market."

# Campus Climate Is It Winter Yet?

*The Center for Students and Community Life would like to invite you to an open forum on September 23rd from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Damn Yankee in the Memorial Union.*

**This Forum will look at how we treat each other as men and women on campus.**

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## Engineering

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female professors, said Chet Rock, the interim dean of the college of engineering. Mary Kate Beard-Tisdale and Peggy Agouris have been joined in the last few years by Horton, Jill Schoof and Amyl Ghanem.

Andrea Downs, a fifth-year civil and environmental engineering major, said she applauds the university for hiring more female professors, something she missed out on while at UMaine.

"I haven't had a female professor in engineering which bothers me," Downs said. "It's not a negative thing to have male professors, but if I had some female professors it would have been better. We need strong female role models."

Kathy Field, a senior chemical engineering major, said female professors do present a unique experience.

"It's definitely different — they give you a female perspective," Field said.

Jill Schoof, associate professor of electrical engineering, said women need to shed the image of engineering as being boring.

"We need to have young girls that are pre-college learn that engineering is a really interesting field," Schoof said. "It doesn't have to be like in the cartoon, Dilbert."

Some disciplines in engineering are more popular than others with women. The civil and chemical engineering disciplines are 53 percent and 25 percent female respectively, Rock said.

However, Horton said there are only three female mechanical engineering technology majors.

"Women are attracted to professions that involve a social and helping element," Horton said. "They aren't taught to think of product development as a helping profession."

Women don't realize many of the things they use every day are engineered and manufactured by men, Horton said.

"Hardly any women are designing products," Horton said. "We're at the mercy of men and what they cook up."

Horton is beginning her second year at UMaine. She said her main initiative

when she was hired last year was to recruit more female students.

"I came to the university with the express interest of getting the university to encourage more women and get more of a variety," Horton said.

Horton said she was awarded a grant from the Women in the Curriculum Program, allowing her to offer a class called "Success Working on Diverse Teams."

"The class teaches skills needed to incorporate greater diversity in the workplace," Horton said. "Especially working with women or people students don't usually see in the classroom."

Horton also serves as the adviser to the Society of Women Engineers, a group whose membership had dwindled severely in the past.

"I've tried to breathe strong life into the group," Horton said. "I've gotten them some physical support, a room to meet in and furniture."

Horton said the group now has 20 members, the majority of which are women.

"A big part of the group is to meet the social needs of women otherwise isolated in the classroom," Horton said.

A class full of males may be intimidating for some female students, Horton said.

"Being plopped into a pool of young men who have been socialized differently and have different expectations can be somewhat daunting and uncomfortable," Horton said.

Downs said the classroom merely mirrors the professional environment. The male to female ratio shouldn't hold you back, she said.

"It's a male-dominated field and if you can't handle that you won't be successful," Downs said.

There may be fewer of them, but the women who are engineering students are a talented group, Rock said.

Ten of the 20 Top Scholars in the college this year were women, Rock said. And a higher percentage of female students make it into the various honor societies, he said.

"The women who do come in do very well," he said. "You'll find that student leaders are often women."

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## Rec Sports

Whitney Dwyer, 10, said she enjoyed playing field hockey and being with friends.

"I just didn't like getting hit in the eye with the ball!" she said.

The only complaint UMaine students had was the field's new AstroTurf, which caused several minor injuries.

Drinks and refreshments were includ-

ed and were more popular among the younger participants.

A group of elementary girls chanted: "More cookies, more cookies!"

Raphael Ozdemirer, a student at UMaine, was excited by the activities planned. He played a rough game of football, taking a couple falls on the AstroTurf.

"Student events are worthwhile if you take advantage of them," he said.

Dwyer said there are preliminary plans to host another Rec. Sports event on Friday, Oct. 2.

He hopes word of mouth will increase student participation. The next event will be held at either the Morse Field again or the Wallace Pool for a water-polo night.

## Announcing the University of Maine's 29th Annual Family & Friends Weekend September 25, 26 & 27, 1998

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- UMaine Football game with Dartmouth College (Sat. at 3pm)
- Open Classroom Day (Fri.)
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- The Hudson Museum & Museum Gift Shop
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- Planetarium & Observatory
- Ronny Romm ESP and Hypnosis Show (Sat)
- Page Farm & Home Museum
- UMaine Women's Soccer game with Fordham University (Sat. at 12)
- UMaine Marching Band and Cheerleaders (Sat. on the Mall)
- Movie-"Scent of a Woman" (Fri. Evening)
- Athletic Mementos & Memorabilia Past & Present
- Aquaculture at UMaine (Fri.)
- Pulp & Paper Making (Fri.)
- Lyle E. Littlefield Trial Ornamental Gardens Tours
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- Cardboard Canoe Race
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## • National News

# Lawmakers call for Clinton to voluntarily testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Democratic senator suggested Sunday that President Clinton immediately volunteer to testify before Congress to halt a “political water torture” that escalates Monday morning when Americans view raw footage of the president’s grand jury testimony about Monica Lewinsky.

That video will show Clinton admitting “inappropriate intimate contact” and “sexual banter” with Ms. Lewinsky but resisting prosecutors’ efforts to define the conduct further. Clinton offers many legalistic replies and, at times, shows remorse.

“I regret that what began as friendship came to include this conduct,” the president answered when he was first asked a sex-related question by prosecutors just seven minutes into his Aug. 17 testimony. The president’s testimony was described to The Associated Press by lawyers familiar with it.

The moments of presidential regret are interspersed with legal hairsplitting involving the terms “sexual relations” and “alone” and, in one exchange, the tense of a verb.

At one point, Clinton was asked why he failed to produce to Paula Jones’ lawyers a series of correspondence between himself and Kathleen Willey, the former White House volunteer who accused the president of an unwanted sexual advance near the Oval Office in 1993.

Clinton replied that he understood the subpoena to cover personal documents, and the Willey letters were in White House files. If the lawyer wanted the letters, Clinton said, they should have issued two subpoenas — one personal and the other official, lawyers said.

The White House and Congress — both facing perils in the unfolding impeachment proceedings — braced for

the release Monday of an avalanche of new evidence that includes more material in which Ms. Lewinsky explicitly describes sex acts with Clinton, the president’s videotape, presidential phone messages left at Ms. Lewinsky’s home and the FBI test results that conclude semen on one of Ms. Lewinsky’s dresses belongs to Clinton.

Clinton made a brief appearance Sunday morning at a fund-raiser aboard a Potomac River cruise ship and then he and Mrs. Clinton attended services at Foundry United Methodist Church, the first time since before his Aug. 17 grand jury testimony. On Monday, when the 2,800 pages of documents and videotape are released, Clinton will be in New York City addressing the United Nations.

A key senator suggested on the Sunday talk shows that Clinton immediately volunteer to testify to the House Judiciary

Committee and answer all questions fully to spare the country further embarrassment.

“I believe the president would be well served to explain exactly what he did, exactly what he was thinking, do it to the Judiciary Committee and let’s vote and let’s move on one way or the other,” said Sen. John Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat and Clinton ally.

“The nation is being ill served by this political water torture that is taking place in a highly calculated, highly partisan way,” Kerry told NBC regarding Congress’ selected release of evidence.

Kerry’s call for voluntary Clinton testimony was embraced by several colleagues, including Republican Sen. John Ashcroft, a presidential aspirant and harsh Clinton critic, and House Judiciary Committee members Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

## Cancer

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Fibroadenoma, another type of lump found in the breast, is different than normal cysts, Jagel said.

“Fibroadenoma is a lump some women find that is more firm than a cyst,” she said. “It is benign, but if you find this, you should come in and have it checked out.”

The best time for a woman to give herself a breast exam is four to five days after she ends her menstruation because it is the time she should not experience cystic conditions.

Other risk factors of breast cancer are obesity and alcohol consumption, Jagels said.

Finding a cure for breast cancer was a reason for hundreds of people to descend on the streets of Bangor yesterday. Over 800 people participated in the 1998 Maine Race For The Cure by running or walking in the 5-kilometer road race.

Members of the University of Maine women’s ice hockey team were among those who participated in Sunday’s road race.

“I wanted to come to support other women,” said Stephanie Gabriele, a

member of the women’s ice hockey team. “It is for a good cause and we are excited for this race.”

Donations raised by the race will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to aid in the research to find a cure for breast cancer. Leesa Easton Cook, one of the race chairs, said 75 percent of the money raised will stay in Maine.

U.S. Rep. John Baldacci attended the event and gave the starting call for the racers.

Another event that will be raising funds for breast cancer research is Making Strides

Against Breast Cancer, which is sponsored by the Hancock/Penobscot units of the American Cancer Society. The event is a noncompetitive three- to five-mile activity, in which people can walk, run, go in wheelchairs or skate. It will be on Sunday, Oct. 4, in Blue Hill.

Mike Hart, senior executive director at the local office of the American Cancer Society, said the event is important for their fundraising efforts. Participants do not have to get donations on a per mile basis, but the society is asking for flat donations.

# Congratulations, Jennifer Elwell!

The winner of the UMaine General Alumni Association’s fourth annual tuition raffle is Jennifer Elwell of Bristol, Maine. Jennifer will receive one year’s worth of undergraduate, instate tuition courtesy of the Alumni Association. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from this year’s raffle will be used to fund scholarships, student travel awards, and other student-related programs.



Jennifer Elwell (left) is congratulated by GAA vice president Cathy Billings

## You Could Be Next Year’s Big Winner!

Be sure to take part in our Fifth Annual Tuition Raffle next spring.

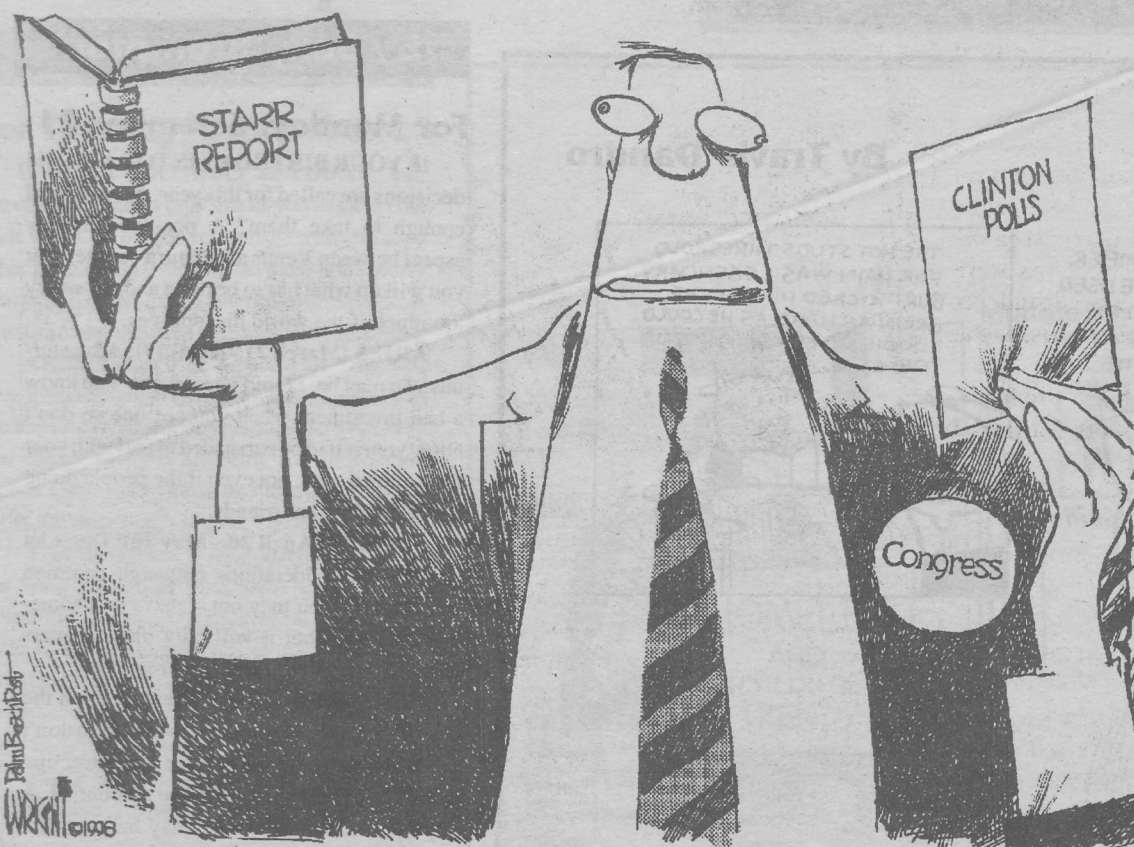
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Boardman Hall



## Op/ED



## • Column

## Decisions and disappointment

By Derek Rice

I have a confession to make. It is about something I did when I was young and stupid. And uninformed. And naive.

I was 19 and I faced a dilemma that had to do with one of the many rites of passage that we all confront in our lives.

It would be easy for me to sit here and say, "Everyone else I knew was doing it," which would be true. Heck, members of my family, including my parents, had done it. If they seemed comfortable with it, who was I to rock the boat? Instead, I blame it on my youth and inexperience. I was taken in by the whole idea.

Like nearly all impulsive decisions, this one was not without consequence. It clouded my judgment, leading me to do another, more stupid, thing — twice.

My decision on that rainy, mid-autumn morning was something I never thought would really matter. I didn't think it would ever be something that would come to define me, to make me choose sides. In my blindness, I failed to see that it could even become something I would be ashamed of. Of course, I'd never regret it. Are you kidding? Not me. I was proud of what I had done.

Even on the day I made this life-altering decision, there were dozens of other people who were there to do the same thing.

On Election Day, 1992, when I registered to vote, I decided to register as a Democrat. I then stepped into the voting booth, completed the appropriate arrows with the Sharpie that was provided, and slid my ballot into the

machine. Later that night, I rejoiced when George Bush conceded the election to the man I had voted for.

My first presidential election had ended with me on the winning side. I stuck by the guy through everything. Each time a new scandal erupted, I vehemently defended "my president" from those who would smear his good name. I took on all comers.

In time, I realized that my situation was not that different from having a close relative with a substance abuse problem. I could only turn a blind eye for so long before I had to admit that there were indeed problems to consider.

When I voted for Clinton the second time around, I told everyone, myself included, that it was Gore I was voting for. "He's a good guy and he loves the environment," I said, being an aspiring environmentalist.

Now even that is gone. The "dialing for dollars" stuff aside, I've seen that the vice president is a liar. He looked us all in the eye at the 1996 Democratic National Convention and told the story of his sister, a longtime smoker, who died of lung cancer. He denounced tobacco companies and received a standing ovation for his emotional speech.

What he didn't mention was that his family still owns tobacco interests to this day. This guy may be worse than his boss. If not, then he's damn close.

Whether the president eventually finds himself in the midst of impeachment proceedings is irrelevant. What matters is that

he did something to put himself in this position. To put us, the American people, in a position of having to think about what may or may not have transpired in the Oval Office.

Democrats find themselves in an unenviable position. Election Day is coming up, and those who are up for reelection — one-third of the Senate and the entire House of Representatives — cannot afford to align themselves too closely with the president. Public opinion polls send mixed messages. One poll says half of all Americans feel Clinton should resign. Another puts his job approval rating anywhere from the mid-50s to the mid-60s.

So what's a good partisan Democrat to do? Stick with the commander in chief, thereby committing political suicide, or turn their backs on him, which may make it easier to remain in office?

When a hot-air balloon is sinking, you toss ballast overboard to stay aloft. The Democratic party is sinking faster than a lead balloon because of the current White House situation.

The responsible thing would be for Democrats to urge their leader to opt for early retirement. The needs of the many must outweigh the needs of the few. Keeping Clinton in office only weakens the party. Perhaps losing a few dozen seats in Congress will be the rude awakening Clinton and other Democrats need.

Derek Rice is an English graduate student and is the opinion editor for The Maine Campus.

## • Dave's world

## MBNA no cure for summertime blues

By Dave Bailey

I'm not exactly proud of what I'm about to tell you. No, I didn't murder or rape anybody. I did something far more sinister than that.

I was a telemarketer.

Upon leaving the University of Maine for the summer, I was fairly desperate for a decent-paying job. And so I took a position at MBNA in Brunswick, a move that shall henceforth be known as Mistake Numero Uno.

I should have known that taking this job was a gaffe when I noticed that plastered above each and every door inside the building was the phrase "Think of yourself as a customer."

I soon discovered that this little phrase meant that you, the salesman, were supposed to put yourself in the customer's shoes and try to save money for said customer (I dealt with balance consolidations, not actual credit card sales). The job of me, the salesman — er, "summer associate" — was to convince that customer that he or she was receiving the deal of a lifetime.

And so how does the customer react to such an act of "kindness"? Usually, one of two ways.

Response No. 1: "Are you selling something?" Of course I am, you fool, but I'm not supposed to tell that to you. I'm supposed to say, "I'm here to save you money," which is a line of bull when you think about it. Since when does any company actually try to save people money?

Response No. 2: Click.

Actually, not all of the customers hung up on me. One of them eloquently told me to "stick it up my ass." And that was one of the nicer phrases I heard. One girl I knew was called a four-letter word — let's just say it rhymes with "bunt." It got to the point where I would meekly say "bye" to anyone who said no, which is the last thing MBNA wants you to say to a customer.

Pushing someone you don't know to cave into doing something he or she really doesn't want to do — since when is that "thinking of yourself as a customer?" It's more like thinking of yourself as a swindler.

But dealing with crappy calls was only scratching the surface.

Take my boss — whoops, I meant to say "team leader."

If you've ever seen Vince McMahon on "Raw is War," then you have a pretty good idea as to what my boss was like. A big, swaggering strut, a born power tripper — the whole shebang.

The Boss Man liked to think of himself as a master motivator. Actually, whenever he gave one of his power speeches, he left his employ-

ees more demoralized than ever.

Here's a classic speech the Boss Man once gave: "I think you all should set a personal goal for yourselves. In fact, I think you should all set a personal goal of 10 sales tonight." Really original.

If you got enough sales and kissed enough derriere, then he'd pat you on the back and maybe even give you a Milk-Bone if you got down on your knees and begged enough. He felt that MBNA ranked first and second among life's priorities, with family, finances and what-not ranking way down on that list.

Every day, the Boss Man (or one of his stuffed shirts) would hand out a printed stat sheet tracking everyone's performance. The efforts of the weaker workers (read: me) were circled and highlighted for everybody to see.

This is tantamount to Red Sox Manager Jimmy Williams handing out team stats and saying, "Hey, look, everybody! Keith Mitchell's batting only .182!" Can you imagine that happening? No!

While some of the people I worked with were truly delightful, others I knew kept their noses firmly in the air, as if they thought working for MBNA was some sort of exclusive privilege.

I felt like knocking a few of these schmucks aside the head and reminding them, "Yo! This is MBNA, not a law firm! There's no glory in working for \$7.50 an hour!"

By an incredible coincidence, the best workers at MBNA were also the most robotic ones. They were total tools who nodded heads and spat out MBNA corporate-speak by the bushel.

No wonder. The ones who can't think for themselves also can't wake up some morning and realize just what a dead-end job they have.

After just five weeks of this idiocy, I simply went home one night and never returned. I had been buried in so much corporate schlock I practically drowned. The hateful calls, the toolish employees, the "think of yourself as a customer" mantra — it was all one big white-collar sweatshop.

Never in my life did I feel so much of a failure.

Once I came back to UMaine, I felt back to normal again, knowing my forte is in writing, not in selling, snake oil.

So thanks for the inspiration, MBNA — without you this column never would have happened.

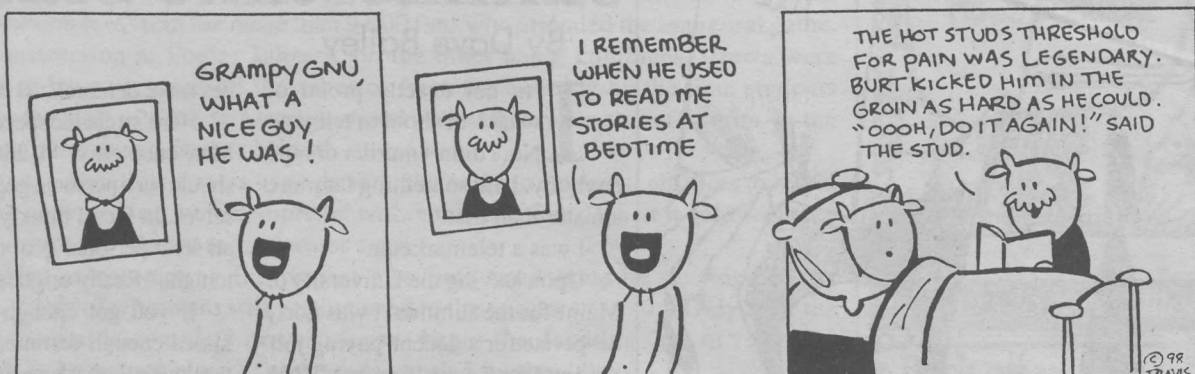
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



## LEX

by Phil Flickinger (lexcartoon@yahoo.com)



## Spade Phillips, P.I. by Matt Kowalski



## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

### For Monday, September 21

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Hard decisions are called for this year. Are you hard enough to take them? A positive birthday aspect between Venus and Saturn denotes that you will do what has to be done and not worry too much if the world disapproves.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Adventurous you may be. Stupid you are not. You know a bad investment when you see one so don't allow yourself to be persuaded to part with your hard-earned cash, not even if the people doing the persuading are friends.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Don't let emotional considerations outweigh common sense today. You may not want to hurt someone's feelings but it will only make matters worse if you shield them from reality.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Even the best-laid plans go wrong occasionally so don't get too upset if you have to change direction to events over which you have no control. A day or two from now you may be glad that fate restricted your options.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Go out of your way to be nice to people today, even though you may not fully believe every word you say. This is especially important if you have not been getting along with someone as well as you should.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You may have your doubts about someone in authority, not least because you think you can do a better job, but now is not the time to throw down a challenge. As from tomorrow your reputation will soar, just as theirs begins to wane.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** You would be wise to watch what you say today — not because what you say is wrong but because a rival will try to twist your words and make it sound as if you said something else.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Resist the temptation to point the finger if a work or business matter goes wrong today. Even if you are 100 percent certain who is to blame it won't help your cause if you start a fight.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** You don't change your tune for anyone but there is one special person you listen to more than most and something they say will make you wonder if you have been barking up the wrong tree these past few weeks.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** What happens next may be entirely predictable but it will still take you by surprise. It won't be the first time you've missed obvious signals, nor will it be the last, so don't kick yourself too hard. Life would be a lot less fun if you got it right every time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Saturn, your ruler, is aspected by Venus, planet of love, today, so if you need to say sorry or heal a rift, now is the time. But don't take all the blame on yourself. If you shed too many tears others will get the impression that you're in the wrong more often than you are.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** The Sun enters your opposite sign of Leo tomorrow and although this suggests that partners and colleagues will soon have the upper hand a more positive way of looking at it is that you won't have to take the lead quite so often.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** No doubt there is a rational explanation for what takes place today but don't waste too much time looking for it. The world is a complicated place and sometimes we just have to accept that we cannot control each and every thing that happens.



# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, September 22

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You are unique. There is only one of you in the whole wide world. So why do you think you need to copy other people? Go your own way and don't worry too much if others have a laugh at your expense. A year from now they will wish they had copied you.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** What you hear from a usually reliable source may not be in the least bit reliable today. In fact there is a very real chance that you are being fed information that is either misleading or incomplete. Don't shoot the messenger, it's not his fault.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** If you are not 100 percent sure about what you are doing you must get professional help. Your solar chart warns that this is not the kind of situation where you can muddle through or get a second chance if you make a mistake. Face it: you need expert advice.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You may be having second thoughts about a partnership or relationship that does not appear to be working, but don't make any hard or fast decisions yet.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** If you are honest with others today then they will be honest with you. But can your ego take it? Cancerians can be awfully touchy and your solar chart suggests that criticism is the last thing you want to hear at the moment.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** Two days from now the Sun moves into your birth sign and a new solar year begins. So even if you feel you must make a move quickly you should keep your enthusiasm in check.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** So you're out of step with partners and colleagues. So what? There may be safety in numbers but that does not mean the majority is always right. Trust your instincts and follow them to the letter today. It's not you who is out of step — it's everyone else.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** You can learn as much from your mistakes as you can from your successes, so don't worry unduly if you have made a few bad calls of late. The important thing is that you don't try to deny — to yourself or to others — that you have made some kind of error.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** It would appear that you are wasting a great deal of time and energy trying to persuade others to agree with your views. Why should that be so important to you? Is it because you are beginning to doubt them yourself?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You don't lack confidence in yourself but others seem to believe that you have bitten off more than you can chew. Maybe it is jealousy, maybe it is sour grapes — or maybe they have a point. You could do worse than listen to what they have to say.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** It does not matter if others lose faith in you today. What matters is that you keep faith with yourself and stand by those who stood by you when times were bad. A few days from now your faith will be repaid in full.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** It might be worth reminding yourself today that life is a journey, not a destination. There may be a thousand and one things you still haven't done but do you really have to set yourself such rigid targets?

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Just because someone seems serious about what they are saying does not mean you have to take them seriously. On the contrary, the more you think about it the more you can see the flaws in their logic. Should you expose their errors? Yes, you most certainly should.

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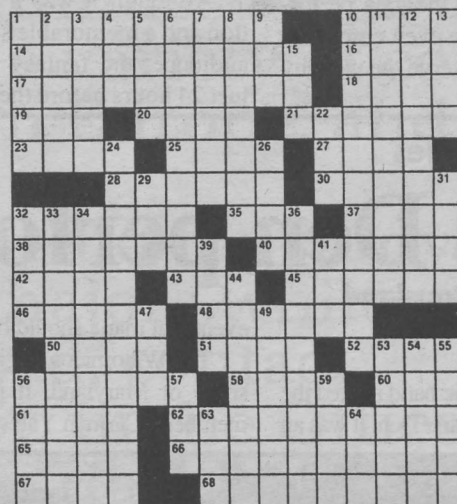
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## Style & Arts

• MCA

# Gala more than just black suits

By Henrique Fontes  
Maine Campus staff

A week's preparation was required for two hours of the impressively visual and technical performance at the "Spirit of the

Far removed from the pomp and circumstance, the cast and crew arrived by the backstage doors at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, met by the MCA's student staff.

Thirty recently-hired MCA stagehands began the performance season with the year's

"The Spirit of the Dance" will be spending six months in the United States and is appearing for the first time in Maine this year.

Dance" gala.

The MCA season-opening show Saturday fulfilled the eyes of 1,400 viewers and the hands of more than 50 technicians and helpers.

Twenty-six dancers took turns on tap, ballet and Flamenco choreographies in the "Riverdance"-style production. However, the technically impressive show was marred by some singing and a few frustrated attempts at acting in a very Broadway-type overture.

"The Spirit of the Dance" will be spending six months in the United States and is appearing for the first time in Maine this year.

Tuxedos, shiny dresses and a fancy dinner marked the evening for those who paid for special \$500 tickets to the gala performance. Student valets were even employed to park luxurious cars and serve the wealthy diners at Wells Commons.

first experience backstage with an international touring company.

There the stagehands started a frenetic journey to put up computerized lights and curtain sets, following quick technical crew commands.

"Line coming in," "downstage right," "clear," and other technicians' jargon were rapidly absorbed by the students who worked not only setting the stage but also decorating the commons.

The stagehands worked a long shift that finished one hour and twenty minutes after the show, when all the cables were coiled, lights returned to the cases and the truck loaded in record-breaking time.

Although it was a successful production and a memorable show for most of the audience, the fantasy was almost ruined just 24 hours before the performance when



Stagehands work hard to bring a successful "Spirit of the Dance" gala to the MCA, Saturday. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

the orchestra pit's hydraulic lift broke down stage, a toxic and dangerous mess which had to be cleaned.

• Coffee House Series

# Bear's Den performance provokes emotion

By Jennifer McCausland  
Special to the Campus

Last Thursday an acoustic band named the Wicomicos played at the Bear's Den. It was an

event that many should have witnessed.

The Wicomicos originate from the eastern shore of Maryland. It includes two current members, Carmen Yates with the lead vocals,



Wicomicos came to the Bear's Den Thursday night to share their acoustic emotions. (courtesy photo.)

and Mikel Campbell with background vocals.

Along with their primary sounds of acoustic and bass guitar, the Wicomicos included alternative instruments, like the foot tambourine and the harmonica.

Yates himself characterized his music as "acoustic pop." The combination of talent that flows from these two men can be much compared to the upbeat sounds of the Barenaked Ladies combined with the hometown edge of Bruce Springsteen.

The name "Wicomicos" is actually the name of the county in Maryland where Yates and Campbell were born.

It is an American Indian name meaning "beautiful place by the water."

The lyrics were heartfelt and consuming. They included such unsettling topics as relationships, child neglect, leaving home and our current political systems.

Most often, Yates cried out in his songs, of the frustration of those we love. As Campbell said one time between sets, "It seems like some of the most frustrating people are the ones you want to be around the most."

Many of the songs were easy to relate to. Everyone seemed entranced in somber remembrances provoked by the Wicomicos' similar experiences.

As James Schram, a student at the Univer-

sity of Maine, watched the band, he seemed quiet and relaxed. When asked how he felt about the Wicomicos, his words explained the feeling in the room:

"Dark, strong, overflowing with feeling from a deep connection to their lyrics," he said.

One song that the Wicomicos performed was called "Happens Every Time."

This inspiring number spoke of the dark side of alcohol abuse. The band playfully jammed its message as Yates sang: "Cuts the morning like a razor, red line of dawn, and you've been up all night waiting, for her to come home."

Yates's body contorted with emotion as he belted out his own personal experiences.

Yates and Campbell have played together for around twenty years. Campbell said that his biggest influences have been the Beatles, Steely Dan and Shawn Colvin, whom he has played with in Maryland.

The Wicomicos sold the last CD, "Carrying On," at the concert. Their most recent CD, "Red," will be out soon and most likely be playing on local radio stations.

Both CDs are prime investments. These lyrics dissect the highs and lows of human experience and expose it for what it's worth.

The Wicomicos will be returning to UMaine around winter, possibly in February.



## • Weekend dining

# Ellsworth's 'The Mex' not impressive

By Elisabeth Gold  
Maine Campus Staff

I'm going to let you in on a little secret. The Mex in Ellsworth sucks.

I've been there twice. The first time I was not impressed with either the service or the food, but being the sucka that I am, I gave it another try.

Sitting in the extra-long booths, which could happily satisfy all the Bradys plus Alice, waiting for my waitress (who seemed to move like a wound-up toy), I found myself in a constant state of wonder.

Why am I here staring at first-grade piñatas hanging from the ceiling? Why am I all the way in Ellsworth drinking water, when I could be drinking the Carlo Rossi chilling in my fridge? And more importantly is the Energizer Bunny ever going to come over here and take my freaking order?

Overreacting, you say? I don't think so. When Bunny finally comes over she does not slow down. With one foot turned out she is ready to go at any moment. I order my salad.

"Filling—Dressing—Drink?" she spits out.

I respond quickly, like a recruit answering her new sergeant.

"Thanks, guys," she says in a scripted voice as I wave away the dust she leaves behind.

I'm not getting good vibes. But I tell myself, hey it's Friday night, just relax. Yet the more I tell myself it's going to be okay, the inevitable happens — it gets worse.

We didn't wait long for our food, which could have been due partly to my roaming eye and an uncanny knack of entertaining myself.

I found myself gazing at the pink and green neon sign sporting The Mex's sig-

other side is a couple sharing more than a seat. They are sporting a haircut known as the "rat do."

Those that are familiar with the "rat do" know that it has to do with bangs, short layers on the sides and a straggly length creeping down the back.

Finally our dinner arrives and Bunny slides our plates onto the table, letting them fall a little too fast from her hands. But alas, everything is fine. She says, from the next table, "Enjoy."

We eat at a normal pace, although now

it indicates I don't want to look at it anymore.

It takes Bunny a timed half-hour to come to our table. Now, come on. She has seen us sitting there, waiting. Waiting. Finally I say to my friend, "Forget this shit, no tip from me."

A little harsh? She's busy, right? Have more patience. Well, my Taurus patience is wearing thin at this point and one could probably see the smoke coming out of my nose.

See, having been a waitress during the past summer months, I know there is a certain level of respect that goes with dealing with people, especially in the food industry.

I go out to restaurants to relax, eat some good food, and enjoy some conversation. I don't need the harried pace or unconcern of a server to carry over to me. So she was busy, hey, we all are in what we do. But it's quality in performance, not quantity.

What happened? you ask. Well, we walked out without paying. If they were too busy to notice us waiting for our

check, then they probably didn't notice us walking out the door, wallets still intact.

I found myself gazing at the pink and green neon sign sporting The Mex's signature frog. Just then I am reminded that I hate frogs.

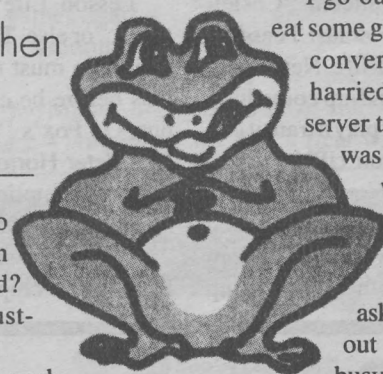
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But nonetheless, a frog in a green neon light seems to speak to me more than an eight-year-old kid shoving one in my face. Or finding a frog dead in the basket of my parent's pool, for that matter.

Sharing the back to my bench on the

my stomach is reacting to something unidentified in my salad. Is it green or red? I can't tell, but I'm disgusted.

I decide I'm done and push the plate toward the end of the table. Which to some may spell rude, but for me



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## • TV

# New series offers life lessons

NEW YORK (AP) — Life, as we all know, is a process, a journey that prepares you for the great beyond: A sitcom starring you as the person you used to be before you scored your TV deal.

This is something Ray Romano knows well, having enshrined his former life as a Long Island family guy in the hit comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Jerry Seinfeld, awash in millions from the sitcom where he played a stand-up comic trying to wangle a sitcom deal, knows it too. Ditto, Roseanne. And a few seasons ago, The Mommies sure tried.

Now Boston barmaid-turned-comic Sue Costello is seeking her own plush hereafter with the autobiographical sitcom "Costello," which premiered on Fox last Tuesday. And John DiResta, a real-life New York City transit cop-turned-stand-up comedian-turned-sitcom hopeful, will play a transit cop on "DiResta," Mondays on UPN starting Oct. 5.

The lesson from this is clear: Live each day as if it were an episode of a sitcom starring you as yourself where you're up

against "Drew Carey." Someday, sweetie, you might be.

The 1998-99 season officially begins this week, ushering in 16 of the total crop of 36 new series. But before you stress out at the thought of catching each premiere, remember there's much to learn from the networks' fall offerings — without your even having to watch.

Lesson: If your children's mother should fly the coop, do not despair. It means you can hire a sexy younger woman who will gladly tend to your offspring and potentially you, too. Divorce or widowhood? No prob! ABC's "Two Of A Kind" and Fox's "Holding the Baby" erase all doubt.

Lesson: Life is a cosmic quota you must meet... or else. The hero of ABC's "Cupid" insists he must romantically link 100 couples before he can return to Mount Olympus. On Fox's "Brimstone," cop-gone-to-Hell Peter Horton is sent back up to Earth, where redemption awaits him only if he can recapture 113 fugitive souls.

Even the assistants on ABC's "Fantasy Island" are chipping away at some sort of

liability. "Are we any closer to getting released?" they ask Mr. Roarke after pulling off another fantasy. "A little closer," he says with a sneer.

Lesson: The show must go on. Recently Fox snuffed "Hollyweird," a creepy-crawly whodunit, before it ever drew a breath. This follows in the tradition of last season's "Rewind," a Fox sitcom starring Scott Baio similarly yanked before its premiere.

Imagine! Good enough to win a place on the schedule, bad enough to be stillborn.

Lesson: You can beg, barter or steal, but keep it off the books.

For instance, on ABC's "Vengeance Unlimited," Michael Madsen plays a mysterious loner with justice for sale. The tab for his services is \$1 million — or you may promise him a favor in return. You can guess which he prefers (imagine the tax bite on that million!).

Lesson: You CAN go home again, whether as a big success (the young software tycoon of WB's "Hyperion Bay") or a failure (Faith Ford as CBS' broke, divorced "Maggie Winters").

And you can LEAVE home. Escaping her parents, the comely eponym of WB's "Felicity" bolts clean across the continent for college in New York City.

Don't try to make your home in the 'burbs. As the gated subdivisions of ABC's "The Hughleys" and Fox's "Living in Captivity" demonstrate, the only menace greater than people who are different from you is those who aren't.

Lesson: With the exception of the gay

leading man on "Will & Grace" and the promiscuously nice title character of "Conrad Bloom," both on NBC, males on sitcoms are likely to be infantile louts.

Consider CBS' "King Of Queens" and ABC's "Secret Lives of Men," for starters.

And even a man holding the nation's highest office can be an oaf, according to "The Secret Diaries of Desmond Pfeiffer." A screwball exercise in revisionist history, this UPN comedy exposes Abraham Lincoln as a philandering buffoon. Imagine such behavior in a president!

Which brings us to one final lesson of the new TV season: News can be the most outrageous TV fare of all.

For the second year in a row, a real-life, happening-in-real-time story is upstaging the networks' launch of their fall schedules. Last year, viewers were riveted by Princess Diana's death and its aftermath — a fairy tale gone tragically, unsavoryly wrong.

Now, of course, audiences flock to "Clint Eastwood," which, along with "Dawson's Creek" and "Kids Say the Darndest Things," was one of last winter's mid-season hits.

C-SPAN cohabitates with "Midnight Blue." Jerry Springer meets Lawrence Spivak. Complete with built-in product placements for Altoids mints and the Gap, this Washington-based saga is the most appalling, hilarious, dismaying, inventive, disgusting, lurid, debasing, divisive, mephitic, irresistible fiasco on the air.

And it breaks the networks' cardinal programming rule: not a hero in sight.

**Open your mind** You may learn something about yourself.  
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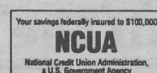
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## • Baseball

## Cochran pitches in, Bears upend Canada

By Brian Bechard  
Maine Campus staff

Baseball in September usually means pennant races and batting titles, but for the University of Maine baseball team the month is reserved for players to prove themselves worthy of a spot on the spring roster.

While Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire rewrite history, the Maine baseball squad is in a "spring training" mode as it played three exhibition games over the weekend at Mahaney Diamond against a Quebec-based team from the Baseball Academy of Canada.

The Black Bears concluded the three game series on Sunday with a seven-inning 6-1 win.

Maine jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first with designated hitter Julian Bracali drove in two runs on a line drive single to left field scoring Brett Ouellette and Brian Poiré.

Black Bear starting pitcher Jared Cochran pitched four shutout innings keeping the Quebec lineup off balance with an array of breaking pitches and a lively fast ball.

Cochran allowed just one hit through four, striking out five and walking two in the process.

Maine added to its lead in the fourth with the help of two Quebec miscues. With one out, Maine's Quinn Peel and Marc Pantazis hit back-to-back singles.

Russell Tucker followed with a ground ball to first base that was misplayed, which allowed Pantazis to score and Peel to advance to third. Tucker then promptly stole second to place runners on second and third.

Pantazis scored on a wild pitch by Quebec starter Dominic Tanguay, and Bryan Harvie walked to load the bases for Brett Ouellette, who sent a Tanguay offering to the right field corner scoring Pantazis and Tucker giving Maine a 6-0 lead.

Thomas Morelli pitched a 1,2,3 inning

for the Bears in the fifth with a strikeout.

Quebec ended Maine's shutout bid in the sixth with Eric Tremblay's lead-off home run — that just cleared the fence — to left off-reliever Jason Graham.

"It was a fastball inside just where I like them," Tremblay said. "I saw the ball well and just got the bat on it."

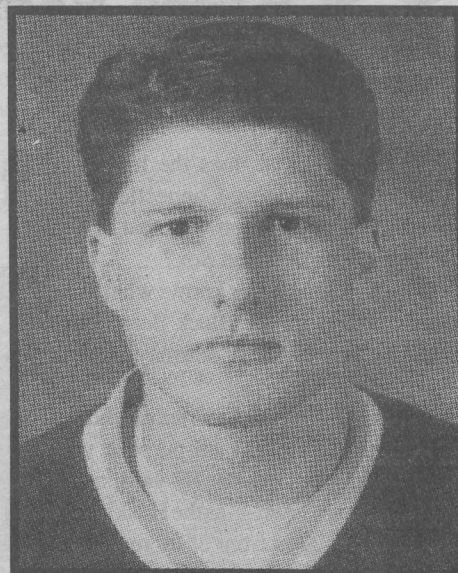
Matthew Truman pitched a perfect ninth preserving the win for Maine.

Despite the loss, however, Quebec coach Richard Emond found his team's trip to Maine a success.

"We are missing some players that are playing in Quebec, but overall the kids played hard," he said. "We've had a lot of fun down here."

The Baseball Academy spent the weekend in Orono playing three games against the Black Bears with Maine winning the opener Friday night, 10-1.

Jon Hambelton paced the Maine offense in the first game going 2-4 with two



Maine pitcher Jared Cochran shut Quebec down yesterday. (file photo.)

home runs and four RBIs. Ouellette also added a two-run homer and drove in four in the Black Bear win.

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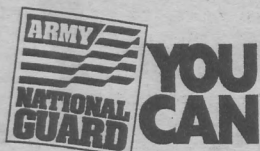
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## • Football

# UConn snaps Black Bears' winning streak

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

Question: What does the history of the University of Maine-Connecticut football games have in common with that of September and the Boston Red Sox?

Answer: One never knows what to expect. Unfortunately for the Black Bears, however, Saturday's contest at UConn may be one they'd also like to forget.

UConn I-AA All-America candidate Tory Taylor racked up 231 all-purpose yards — including a third quarter 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown — as the Huskies downed the Bears 35-27 in front of more than 10,000 fans at Memorial Stadium.

Maine drops to 2-1 overall while UConn remains undefeated at 2-0. It was the Black Bears' first conference loss of the year.

In an eerie situation reminiscent of 1996, it was the special teams that played a pivotal role

in the game's outcome.

Two years ago, the Huskies missed a potential game-tying extra point in the closing seconds of the game to hand the Black Bears a 17-16 victory.

And the favor was returned.

Trailing 28-27 with just under five minutes remaining in the game, Maine lined up for the extra point after a Ben Christopher touchdown, but a botched snap foiled the comeback attempt.

"The missed extra point was huge," Maine linebacker Brent Naccarra said. "We couldn't believe that happened but we still felt we could come back."

But the Bears never recovered and turned the ball back over to the Huskies on a Mickey Fein interception. UConn slammed the door shut on a Chad Martin 36-yard touchdown run with 12 ticks left in the game.

"It was very frustrating," said Naccarra, who registered seven tackles on the afternoon, including two for a loss. "We knew it was going to be

a close game and history showed it always happens. We were definitely the better team, but we just killed ourselves in certain situations."

The Huskies took a commanding 28-14 lead on Taylor's special teams strike, but the Bears rebounded to post consecutive touchdowns on a Drew O'Connor 37-yard reception and Christopher's six-yard run.

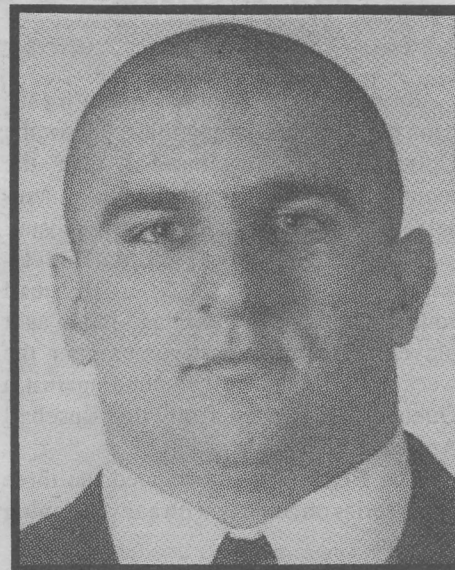
Fein, who completed 24 of his 39 passes for 282 yards, connected on touchdown passes to O'Connor and Jojo Oliphant.

"I didn't even see Drew's touchdown," Naccarra said. "But when I saw the film I realized what a great pass and play that was."

UConn quarterback Shane Stafford threw for 222 yards, completing 16 of his 22 attempts. Barry Chandler paced the Huskies' rushing attack with a 123-yard effort on the ground.

Christopher followed up his 110-yard game Sept. 12 against the University of New Hampshire with 98 against UConn.

Maine returns home for Family and Friends Weekend for an afternoon game



Maine linebacker Brent Naccarra. (file photo.)

against Ivy-league member Dartmouth. It is the first of four consecutive home games for the Black Bears.

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Black Bear runners Vanessa McGowan and Nichol Stevens pace themselves during Saturday's 5,000-meter run. Maine placed four runners in the top five to edge Northeastern, 24-31. McGowan and Stevens were the top two finishers for Maine. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

**Field hockey**

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In the second half, the Black Bears put three goals on the board, with Coughlin scoring again on a penalty corner less than two minutes into the period.

After VCU's Jenna Stewart scored from seven yards out off of a crossing pass, DeLilli struck again 1:20 later, sending one home off a Kristi Knights pass from five yards out.

Heidi Spurling's hard drive with 2:55 remaining capped the scoring. It was the

first goal on the season for the senior co-captain.

Despite the success they are having, the Black Bears must avoid getting overconfident, especially as they are set to begin conference play this weekend. Botett, however, is keeping everything in perspective.

"Any team can win on any day," Botett said. "We're learning as a team. Teams come in here ready to kill us. All it takes is a second to score a goal."

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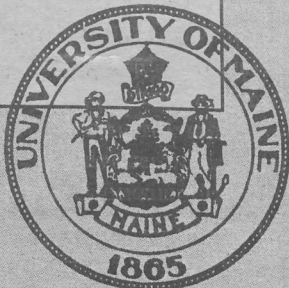
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• Field hockey

## Black Bears dominate weekend, sweep Rams

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine field hockey team played game warden this weekend, corraling two sets of Rams with home wins over Rhode Island and Virginia Commonwealth.

With the wins, the Black Bears improve to 6-1 and will go on the road for their first conference game next Saturday against Vermont.

**On Friday**, Maine simply dismantled Rhode Island, downing them 2-0.

"We worked extremely hard this week on our passing game," Maine coach Terry Kix said. "We were pleased with our ball movement and off-the-ball movement."

"We played excellent," Kristi Knights said. "We put so much together today. It was a total team effort."

Mary Beth Coughlin's success on corner shots continued, as the senior back-bladed one through goalkeeper Jackie Pizzi to put Maine up 1-0 in the first half.

The goal came on Maine's third penalty corner in 3:30. The Bears had five on the game.

"Any time you can have scoring from your corner unit, it takes a lot of pressure off your unit on the field," Kix said. "That's one of the stronger parts of our game."

It would be the second goal, however, that showed how dangerous the Black Bears can be in the open field.

Near midway through the second half, Dedra DeLilli streaked up the field, using evasive stickwork to elude defenders, and crossed a pass in front of the net to Knights, who fired in a ball from five yards out for the score.

"The word is definitely out that Becky Blue and Dedra can generate a lot of attack for us," Kix said. "It's also obvious that teams are trying to put pressure on them and deny them the ball. You can stop them one, twice or three times, but sooner or later, they're gonna get you."

Knights has six points on three goals already after scoring no points last season. She said she had her scoring chances last season but is cashing in on them now.

"I went to a super camp this summer to work on spacing. I also switched from forward to midfield. I got comfortable, which is nice," Knights said.

"We were a little frustrated," Rhode Island coach Rebecca Provost said. "It wasn't one of our best performances. We didn't play with much emotion at all. As a result, Maine came out and scored and emotionally overtook us."

Provost said she believes Rhode Island's lack of emotion stemmed from a lack of



Black Bear freshman Jen Varley tangles with a Rhode Island Rams defender. Maine upended Rhode Island 2-0 Friday afternoon at Morse field. (Mike Zubik photo.)

"emotional ties" to Maine because the team doesn't know anybody on the Black Bears nor do they play in their conference.

Knights noticed the Rams' players struggling at times too, noting that Maine picked up most of the 50/50 ball chances.

"We just didn't give up," Knights said.

Cindy Botett made four saves on nine shots for her first shutout of the season, as Pizzi stopped three of five shots for 1-4 URI.

**On Sunday**, DeLilli continued her offensive tear, scoring two more goals, in leading the Black Bears past Virginia Commonwealth 4-1.

The speedy senior now has seven goals and an assist for 16 points, and is well on her way to surpass last season's total of 29.

"We started a little sluggish, but we picked up the tempo in the second half," Maine coach Terry Kix said. "It's good to have a competitive game like this. It prepares us for conference games. We're gaining confidence."

Once again, the defense came through, constantly denying VCU opportunities in the Maine zone. On one series in the second

half, Coughlin hit the ball out three times on one defensive set.

"Shannon [Clifford], Mary Beth and Brianna [Banks] had great games," Botett said. "They did awesome. I've got to give them props."

Botett had an outstanding day in net, allowing just one goal on seven shots, and consistently getting glove, pad or stick on

corner shots.

"She's playing well," Kix said. "She looks really possessed back there. The defensive unit is working well."

Maine opened up the scoring with an unassisted goal by DeLilli midway through the first half.

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Bears race past Huskies.

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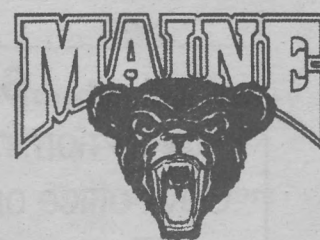
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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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Maine Field hockey coach Terry Kix on her goalie Cindy Botett following yesterday's 4-1 win over Virginia Commonwealth.